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17 March [1969]

Dear Gene -

The Tulsa thing miraculously worked out; I called there the night before the reading was scheduled and discovered that there were in fact expecting me, even though I never once received any kind of communication from Roger Sasson. So I went, hurriedly, and dropped Sherry's books and diaries at your door on the way down - There was no time for a visit.

I did want to say - but Roger had goofed up on the honorarium and

and I received only \$1.25, for which
I did make him feel a bit
guilty. I left a couple of poems
for the Blake Studies, but don't
know if he will choose to use
them.

I'm leaving KC March 31st,
some how. I will be in NYC
until April 24th - There is a
Dudley Fitts Memorial Thing
at Yale on the 23rd, and all
nine D. Fitts-Chosen poets will
be there - Starbuck, Dugan, Jack Gilbert,
Pete Davison, Sandra Hochman, Jean Valentine,
Helen Chasin, and this year's winner,
a girl named Judy Sherwin.

My address while in NYC is:
c/o Virginia Pansel,
514 East 12th Street, Apt. 11
NYC, NY 10009

(That's March 31 - April 23)

I'm sorry to add that I
really do need the money for the
prints as soon as you can find
it.

I got a letter from Kans. Wesleyan
asking me to give six readings
some time next fall - there is
some kind of circuit organization
among schools in that approximate
area. I said yes, of course, and now

I can look forward to not
returning Stateside completely
broke. So, Thanks to you, again.

I have a pamphlet of 17 poems
now called "IF you would Disappear
At Sea," which Black Sparrow
is going to bring out. They're
triflic printers, though expensive.
It has such poems as:

"Shepherds of the Mist"

"The Eagle Extenuating Company"

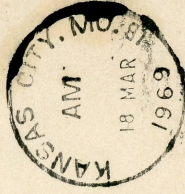
"Birmingham"

in it. I think it's a good little
collection.

That's all for now -

Best to you
Yours,
Jim

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